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FIRST TENNESSEE RECORD OF ANCIENT MURRELET

Tim Russell
Chattanooga, Tennessee

On Friday, 24 November 2023 my wife Patti and I were birding along the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway in Hamilton County. We decided to continue to Chickamauga Dam where an Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) had been seen recently. When we arrived at the day use area above the dam at 1230 we noticed an immature Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) hunting along the shoreline, flying back and forth near the boat ramp. As we approached for a better look, the eagle flew off. We then scanned the lake's surface and saw an unfamiliar bird pop up about 20 meters away. I had seen only pictures of something similar in field guides, so I asked Patti to Google Auks. She looked at the photographs and said the bird was an Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*), a bird of the north Pacific coast. I agreed and immediately called fellow birder Kevin Calhoun to ask him to come verify this. After describing the bird and its behavior, he agreed it could be an Ancient Murrelet and said he could be there in 10 minutes.

Figure 1. First Tennessee record of Ancient Murrelet. Photo by Daniel Jacobson.

As we waited, we became concerned when the bird flew out to the middle of the lake and dove out of sight. I got out my spotting scope, and my friend Kent Pennington arrived with his. We saw the bird pop up briefly and then dive again. Other birders began arriving as Kevin showed up with his camera. We were all looking north towards the dam when Patti spotted the bird again near the inlet of the marina. Kevin was able to take several pictures, and after examining them said the bird was an Ancient Murrelet (Figure 1).

We posted the bird on eBird and Telegram. As more observers arrived, we were thrilled to observe the bird's repeating pattern of behavior. It would fly to the middle of the lake, dive under water and "herd" minnows back to the shallows of the marina where it would feast on them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Ancient Murrelet "herding" minnows. Photo by Ron Hoff.

This behavior continued during the next eight days that the bird was present and reported by many birders from as far away as Texas and Delaware.

This sighting was accepted by the Tennessee Bird Records Committee as the first record of the Ancient Murrelet in Tennessee (Gerdeman 2023).

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ROUND TABLE NOTE

SOUTHEASTERN AVIAN RESEARCH BANDING REPORT – 2023 - Southeastern Avian Research has completed its ninth Ruby-throated Hummingbird banding season in Tennessee. We traveled approximately 3,600 miles and spent over two hundred hours in the field with a field crew of fourteen volunteers and numerous hosts at locations statewide. With this effort, we banded 1,917 Ruby-throated hummingbirds at 18 locations between 8 June and 23 September 2023, including repeat visits to 7 locations. We go to multiple private homes twice in the season, and productive sites such as the South Welcome Station at Land Between the Lakes we visited four times.

We recaptured 317 return Ruby-throated Hummingbirds from previous years, including six-year-old females (3), five-year old females (3), four-year old females (5) and three-year-old hummingbirds, both male and female (20). We recaptured our own birds at various locations allowing us to measure distance, time, and direction in real time. One Female banded at the Woodlands Nature Station at Land Between the Lakes was recaught three weeks later in July at the South Welcome Center, a distance of about 35 miles. A female we banded in Tennessee as a hatch year bird in 2020 was recaptured in 2023 in central Illinois.

During the winter months we traveled, banded, and reconfirmed nine western winter hummingbirds (8 Rufous and 1 Allen's) including a third-year return female Rufous Hummingbird in Nashville.

A significant portion of our work includes outreach and education. We attended and did banding demonstrations at six hummingbird festivals this summer in Tennessee and Kentucky, including a banding trip to The Nature Station at Land Between the Lakes for their Hummingbird Event. I did seven hummingbird programs from middle Tennessee to Memphis for interested garden clubs, bird groups and Assisted Living residents. We offered a private banding session for the third year at the Helping Hands auction, which helps the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group raise funds to provide transportation to the Refuge for environmental education for local schoolchildren.

All banding records have been turned in to reporting agencies and new bands have been ordered and have already arrived for next season.

Cyndi Routledge, Founder, Southeastern Avian Research, Clarksville, Tennessee

THE 2023 TENNESSEE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SUMMARY

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The 2023 Tennessee Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was the 80th consecutive compilation since it began in 1930 and the 93rd overall, as no count was made in 1943. Twenty-nine counts reported data this season representing 169 species plus 18 count week species, the most species ever recorded for the Tennessee CBC summary. The weather across the state was average for the season, but nine counties experienced high winds. Temperatures ranged from a wintery 18° in Shady Valley/Mountain City and Great Smoky Mountains National Park to a more comfortable 69° in Perry County.

Limpkin, Black-bellied Plover, and Western Flycatcher were all new species. Other highlights included Mute Swan, Long-tailed Duck, Ruffed Grouse, Eared Grebe, Red-throated Loon, Anhinga, Neotropic Cormorant, Rough-legged Hawk, 8 species of owls, White-eyed Vireo, Wood Thrush, Harris's Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Black-and-white Warbler, and Indigo Bunting.

The following species were recorded in record or notably high numbers: American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Sora, Wilson's Snipe, Greater Yellowlegs, Bonaparte's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Forster's Tern, Double-crested Cormorant, American White Pelican, Barn Owl, Burrowing Owl, Short-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Merlin, Eastern Phoebe, Carolina Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Le Conte's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Pine Warbler. Record low or notable low numbers were recorded for Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Wild Turkey, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Blue Jay, and Northern Cardinal.

COUNT SUMMARIES

cw = count week species (3 days before and 3 days after actual count date, but not on count day). F/Y = feeder/yard watcher

BENTON – BENT (35.20069, -84.61837) – 14 December; no times reported. Weather: clear; wind N-NE 04 mph; 27-57° F. Notable highlights included Snow Goose, Barn Owl, Merlin, Loggerhead Shrike, Blue-headed Vireo, Common Raven, American Pipit, Red Crossbill, Grasshopper Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, and Brewer's Blackbird. Observers: Jamin Beachy, Joanna Beachy, Mathan Beachy (compiler), Ervin Brubaker, Kathy Palanki, Titus Oberholtzer, Ruben Stoll, Clayton Troyer, and Nelson Troyer.

BIG SANDY – BGSA (36.34050, -88.08210) - 16 December; no times reported. Weather: partly cloudy/cloudy. Highlights included Surf Scoter, Pacific Loon, Fish Crow, Dunlin, Forster's Tern, House Wren, Sedge Wren, Gray Catbird, Lapland Longspur, Le Conte's Sparrow, Orange-crowned Warblers, and Palm Warblers. Observers: Daniel Redwine, Ruben Stoll (compiler), Victor Stoll, Alan Troyer, and Robert Wheat.

BRISTOL – BRST (36.58300°, -82.10000°) – 31 December; 0600-1700. Weather: partly cloudy; wind N 5-20 mph; 32-49° F. Highlights included Snow Goose, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Rob Biller, Jerry Bivens, Cade Campbell, Chris Campbell, Debi Campbell, Jay Campbell, Ron Carrico, Angela Cross, Rack Cross (co-compiler), Roy Knispel, Richard Lewis (co-compiler), Vickie Lewis, and Michelle Sparks.

BUFFALO RIVER – BUFF (35.30000°, -87.46700°) – 19 December; 0630-1715. Weather: clear; wind SE 0-10; 20-43° F. This count continues to produce the most Loggerhead Shrikes of any Tennessee CBC. Other count highlights included Sandhill Crane, American Woodcock, 4 Barn Owls, Lapland Longspur, 17 Vesper Sparrows, and Brewer's Blackbird. Observers: Don Beckman, Ed Daniels, Jeanene Daniels, Bernie Fuller, Ann Hartsfield, Tim Hartsfield, Paul Kittle, Frances Markine, Gary Markine, Fran Menapace, Royce Neidert, Cynthia Rohrbach, Damien Simbeck (co-compiler), Don Simbeck (co-compiler), and Alan Troyer.

CADE'S COVE – CADE (35.60000°, -83.83300°) – 1 January; 0515-1715. Weather: cloudy, light snow/partly cloudy; 45-61° F. Green-winged Teal and Peregrine Falcon were both new species. Highlights included 20 Common Mergansers, Wilson's Snipe, 4 Short-eared Owls, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskins at a feeder. Observers: Mark Armstrong, Kat Barrow, Rick Barrow, Warren Bielenberg, Wanda DeWaard, Susan Hoyle (compiler), Kristine Johnson, Evan Kidd, Martha Rudolph, Morrigan Timothy, Harumi Tsuruoko, and Sarah Wilcer.

CHATTANOOGA – CHAT (35.10000°, -85.23300°) – 16 December; 0430-1800. Weather: cloudy/partly clear; 30-50° F. Notable sightings included Pacific Loon, Herring Gull, Barn Owl, 3 Merlins, Blue-headed Vireo, 5 Marsh Wrens, 19 Orange-crowned Warblers, and Purple Finch. Observers: David Aborn, Robert Altonen, Harold Birch, Gary Brunvoll, Brian Bullard, Kevin Calhoon (compiler), Lisa Davis, John Diener, Bruce Dralle, Kent DuBois, Danny Gaddy, Taylor Gauthreaux, Ann Glass, Daniel Jacobson, Goeffrey Jenson, Sharon Klein, Marie Landis, Simone Madsen, Jennifer Martin, Scott Martin, Barbara McMahan, Mike McMahan, Jay Mills, Jennifer Mills, O J Morgan, Rosamond Myers, Bryan Otis, William Otis, Kent Pennington, Pete Robinson, Tommie Rogers, Patti Russell, Tim Russell, David Stone, Carl Swafford, Luke Thompson, Jane Trapnell, Ed Wright, Nolan Wright, Austin Young, and Kirk Zigler.

CLARKSVILLE - CLRK (36.50000°, -87.38300°) – 16 December; 0700-1615. Weather: partly cloudy/cloudy, light rain; wind SSE 7-10 mph; 45-57° F. Count highlights included 40 American Pipits and Palm Warbler. Observers: Jackie Bastin, Alan Bottomlee, Elaine Faust, Deborah Hamilton (compiler), Steve Hamilton, Sherrie Hanson, Daniel Moss, Cyndi Routledge, Steve Routledge, Nicole Santoyo, Joe Schiller, Rick Shipkowski, and Stanley York.

DUCK RIVER – DUCK (35.53300°, -86.90000°) - 23 December; 0400-1800. Weather: cloudy/rain; wind S 5-8 mph; 44-60° F. Limpkin, Long-eared Owl, Red Crossbill, and American Tree Sparrow were new species. Other count highlights included 23 species of waterfowl, Anhinga, Neotropic Cormorant, Golden Eagle, Virginia Rail, 8 species of owls, White-eyed

Vireo, and Blue-headed Vireo, Sedge Wren, Marsh Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, American Tree Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat, and Indigo Bunting. Observers: Adam Beachy, Evan Beachy, Jamin Beachy, Joanna Beachy, Jubal Beachy, Ruthanna Beachy, Matt Byler, Mary Ganaway, Mark Greene, Daniel Redwine, Ruben Stoll (compiler), Victor Stoll, Alan Troyer, and Anna Marie Troyer.

EAST KNOXVILLE - EKNO (35.95761°, -83.78847°) – 16 December; 0600-1900. Weather: partly cloudy; 28-52° F. Notable sightings included Red-breasted Nuthatch, Gray Catbird, Rusty Blackbird, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Kat Albrecht, Todd Amaker, Mark Armstrong, Zach Arnold, Karin Beuerlein (F/Y), Warren Bielenberg, Stephen Blackwell (F/Y), Linden Craig (F/Y), Margaret Cumberland, Clare Dattilo (co-compiler), Tyler Edmondson, Joe Gordon, Liz Hamrick (F/Y), Paul Hartigan, Lark Heston, Holly Hoyle, Kirk Huffstater, Evan Kidd, Sandy Lanzoni, Kat Livar (co-compiler), Sylvia McClaurin, Steve McGaffin, Judy Minnick, Ronan Nicholson, Mac Post, Dawson Rader, Patrick Rakes, Shelia Rygwelski, Johnathon Towe, Angie Vicars (F/Y), and Victoria Walton.

ELIZABETHTON – ELIZ (36.33300°, -82.12300°) – 16 December; 0530-1630. Weather: partly cloudy; wind light and variable; 27-62° F. Observers: Fred Alsop, Rob Armistead, Jerry Bevins, Tammy Bright, Debi Campbell, J.G. Campbell, Catherine Cummins, Dianne Draper, Eric Draper, Harry Lee Farthing, Dave Gardner, Don Holt, David Irick, Jackie Knight, Rick Knight (compiler), Roy Knispel, Vern Maddux, Joe McGuiness, Alson Ovando, Brookie Potter, Jean Potter, Chris Soto, Bryan Stevens, Kim Stroud, and Rex Whitfield.

FAYETTE - FAYE (35.20000°, -89.42000°) – 23 December; 0615-1715. Weather: partly cloudy/clear-light rain; wind 3-7 mph; 56-64° F. Count highlights included Barn Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Le Conte's Sparrow, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Judy Dorsey, Gregg Elliot, Bob Ford, Ivey Givens, Kate Gooch, Adrian Hall, Elizabeth Hall, Scott Heppel, Sarita Joshi, Kay Lait, Neil Lovett, Gaynell Perry, Ryan Pudwell, Caroline Schratz, Allan Trently, Cliff VanNostrand (compiler), Deon VanNostrand, and Martha Waldron.

FRANKLIN/COFFEE COUNTIES – FRCO (35.30200°, -86.05700°) – 16 December; 0800-1400. Weather: partly cloudy; wind E 10-12 mph; 45-55° F. Highlights included Greater Scaup, Merlin, Horned Lark, and Lapland Longspur. Observers: Larry Bowers (co-compiler), Susie Bowers, Richard Candler, Mike Egan, Phyllis Higdon, Liz Huber, Cheryl King, Murray King (co-compiler), Jim McWhorter, Merrill Meadows, Monica Oosting, Jared Sheldon, Morgan Sheldon, Kerry Syler, Lisa Trail, and Jimmie Tucker.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – GSNP (35.71700°, -83.48300°) – 5 January; 0730-1400. Weather: partly clear/cloudy/some snow at higher elevations; wind 0-20 mph; 18-51° F. Count highlights included Common Merganser, Black-capped Chickadee, and Red Crossbill. Observers: Mark Armstrong, Alan Ballew, Deb Ballew, Christie Bass, Dolora Batchelor, Annie Bell, Warren Bielenberg, Gordon Brugman, Meredith Clebsch, Nancy Dagley, Danielle Espy, Kate Fisher, Julianne Geleynse, Marilyn Hughes, Ross Hughes, Kristine Johnson, Evan Kidd, Jaimie Matzko, Hailey Michel-Evleth, Stephanie Mueller, Robin

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HICKORY-PRIEST – HKPR (36.20000°, -86.66700°) – 1 January; 0700-1600. Weather: cloudy; wind 0-10 mph; 34-46° F. Count highlights included Redhead, Eared Grebe, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Indigo Bunting. Observers: Cameron Archer, Rachel Brenner, Suzanne Cameron, Andrew Cameron, Richard Connors (compiler), Alla Cross, Spencer Cross, Robert Dickinson, Jennifer Dickson, Ariel Dunham, Richard Fox, Tarcila Fox, Graham Gerdeman, Peter Lowan, Tim Loyd, Jordan Rex, Sheila Shay, Michael Smith, Shelly Smith, Sherlene Spicer, and Grant Winter.

HIWASSEE – HIWA (35.36700°, -84.90000°) – 1 January; 0630-1800. Weather: foggy early/partly clear; 31-40° F. Mute Swan and Limpkin were new species. Count highlights included a Barn Owl, House Wren, Vesper Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird. Observers: Harold Birch, Gary Brunvoll, Kevin Calhoon (compiler), John Dever, Kelly Duchan, Danny Gaddy, William Haley, Sharon Klein, Charles Murray, Tommie Rogers, Lori Stenger, Doug Strickland, Lyndsey Strickland, Luke Thompson, Libby Wolfe, and Len Young.

JACKSON – JKSN (35.61700°, -88.81700°) – 2 January; no time reported. Weather: cloudy; 27-38° F. Count highlights included Merlin, Gray Catbird, Palm Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Wade Baker, Bob Ford, Mark Greene (compiler), Rick Light, Ruben Stoll, and Allan Trently.

KINGSPORT - KING (36.50000°, -82.51370°) – 19 December; 0645-1500. Weather: partly cloudy; wind light; 22-36° F. Count highlights included Surf Scoter, Common Raven, and Palm Warbler. Observers: Betty Bailey, Gary Bailey, Jeanie Brehl (F/Y), Belinda Bridwell, George Bridwell, Tammy Bright, Ben Chaney, Sunny Chaney, Bambi Fincher, William Grigsby (compiler), Jean Henson, Neal Henson, Mike Hubley, Susan Hubley, Lesley Jones, Rick Knight, Roy Knispel, Roger Lemaster, Sue Lepsch, Priscilla Little, Harry Norman, Daryl Owens, Sherrie Quillen, Helen Sirett, and Michele Sparks.

KNOXVILLE - KNOX (35.91700°, -84.08300°) – 30 December; 0553-1805. Weather: cloudy; wind 10-15 mph; 36-42° F. Highlights included Osprey (cw), Virginia Rail (cw), American White Pelican, Red-headed Woodpecker, and American Pipit. Observers: Mark Armstrong, Deedee Blaine, Eric Bodker, K. Dean Edwards (compiler), Cheryl Greenacre, Dottie Habel, Brandon Hambrick, Howard Haysom, Angela Hoffman, Tom Howe, Susan Hoyle, Kristine Johnson, David Johnston, Jean Johnston, Evan Kidd, Jerry Ledbetter, Jennifer Maryanski, Morton Massey, Seth McConchie, Jessica Moore, Charles P. Nicholson, Joseph Pyle, Patrick Rakes, Jo Roy, Kelly Roy, Martha Rudolph, Michael Ryon, Beth Schilling, Barbara Taylor, Chris Welsh, Jacob Wessels, Heather Wilson, Michael Winck, and Randy Winstead.

LEBANON – LEBN (36.19440, -86.38920) – 16 December; no time reported. Weather: cloudy/light rain pm; 45-62° F. Highlights included Cooper's Hawk, Merlin, and Or-

ange-crowned Warbler. Observers: Jo Albert, Siti Hidayati, Susan Lanier, Christy Lawson, Ann Maples-Vaught, Laura McCall, Justin Nation, Robin Nation, LouAnn Partington, Susan Schenk, Carol Swann, Melissa Turrentine (compiler), Roy Turrentine, Don Vogt, and Jeffery Walck.

MEMPHIS - MPHS (35.15000°, -89.93300°) – 17 December; 0630-1715. Weather: partly clear/partly cloudy; Wind N 0-12 mph; 38-56° F. Virginia Rail was new for the count. Highlights included Blue-winged Teal, Long-tailed Duck, Greater Yellowlegs, Sora, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Merlin, Marsh Wren, Wood Thrush, Gray Catbird, Pine Siskin, and Vesper Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow. Observers: Bruce Batt, Madison Brode, Marie Chrisman, Sue Cosmini, Michael David, Susan Davis, Sophie Dismukes, Judy Dorsey, Gregg Elliot, Jenna Evans, Bob Ford, Gabriel Garneau, Adrian Hall, Elizabeth Hall, Van Harris, Scott Heppel, Rifat Huq, Margaret Jefferson (compiler), Lisa Jorgensen, Sarita Joshi, Catherine Justis, Keith Kunkel, Gabby Lebeau, Rick Lewis, Morgan Mattingly, George Payne, Gaynell Perry, Bob Pierce, Dick Preston, Ryan Pudwell, Cameron Rutt, Mary Schmidt, Nick Smith, Edwin Thomas, Cate VanNostrand, Cliff VanNostrand, Deon VanNostrand, Jim Varner, Kai Victor, Anita Vincent, Steven Wagner, Jim Waldron, Martha Waldron, and John Whirley.

NASHVILLE – NASH (36.05000°, -86.93300°) – 16 December; 0455-1615. Weather: cloudy/partly cloudy; wind 8-20 mph, with gusts to 30 mph; 39-62° F. Notable sightings included Merlin, Black-and-white Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Dane Anderson, Jim Arnett, Jenna Atma, Kim Bailey, Hugh Barger, Sandy Bivens, Matthew Bowling, Cleamae Bradfield, Phillip Casteel, Robin Cohn, Richard Connors, Laura Cook, Jennifer Cox, Sam D'anna, Dan DeFigio, Brad Dowd, Francis Fekel, Richard Fox, Tarcila Fox, John Froeschauer, Kristina Giard-Bradford, Steve Goodbred, Greg Greenhow, Sherlene Spicer Greenhow, Susan Hollyday, Melissa James, Cindy Johnson, Andy Lantz, Denis Lovell, Tim Loyd, Kathy Malone, Joe McLaughlin, Patricia Mitchell, Tera Rica Murdock, Amy Pardo, Cherie Parker, Vera Roberts, Karen Roland, Tim Ryan, Marika Schoenberger, Jan Shaw, Kathy Shaw, Sheila Shay, Laura Smith, Mike Smith, Anne Snyder, Marcus Snyder, Jo Ann Staples, Laurel Staples, Lisa Stevenson, Kren Teren, Barry Tillman, Rita Venable, Shelby Wabinga, and Paul Yoder.

NICKAJACK LAKE – NICK (35.06700°, -85.51700°) – 18 December; 0600-1600. Weather: cloudy/partly cloudy; wind NW 10-25 mph; 36-52° F. Highlights included Red-breasted Merganser and American Woodcock. Observers: Harold Birch, Bruce Dralle (compiler), Danny Gaddy, William Haley, Tommie Rogers, and Libby Wolfe.

NORRIS - NORR (36.21700°, -84.08300°) – 16 December; 0615-1700. Weather: foggy/clear; wind SW 3-25 mph; 30-50° F. American Pipits were notable. Observers: Karen Eagle, Chuck Estes, Lola Estes, Bob Frey, Susan Hoyle, Nell Moore, Charles Nicholson (compiler), Martha Rudolph, Bob Schultz, Tricia Schultz, Dan Thomas, and Colleen Warren.

PERRY COUNTY – PRRY (35.70800°, -87.77500°) - 24 December; 0500-1700. Weather: partly cloudy; wind S 5-25 mph; 55-67° F. Black-bellied Plover, Limpkin, Blue-headed Vireo,

Gray Catbird, and Harris's Sparrow were new species. Black-bellied Plover and Limpkin were both new species for the Tennessee CBC compilation. Other count highlights included Greater White-fronted Goose, Herring Gull, and Horned Lark. Observers: Jamin Beachy, Joanna Beachy, Ruben Stoll (compiler), Victor Stoll, and Alan Troyer.

REELFOOT LAKE – RLFT (36.41700°, -89.38300°) – 16 December; no times. Weather: cloudy/light rain; 46-54° F. Limpkin was a new species. High counts for Turkey Vulture, Greater Yellowlegs, Hairy Woodpecker, and Winter Wren. Observers: Chris Agee, Mark Greene (compiler), Mark Haas, Rob Harbin, Patrick Higgins, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Cameron Rutt, Kathy Sellers, Chris Sloan, Joshua Stevenson, Ruben Stoll, Victor Stoll, Allan Trently, Alan Troyer, Cliff VanNostrand, and Donna Ward.

ROAN MOUNTAIN - ROAN (36.10600°, -82.11100°) – 21 December; 0630-1700. Weather: partly cloudy/clear; wind light and variable; 23-51° F. Observers: Fred Alsop, Debi Campbell, Catherine Cummins, Rick Knight (compiler), Roy Knispel, Vern Maddux, and Joe McGuiness.

SAVANNAH - SAVA (35.13300°, -88.15000°) – 27 December; 0630-1715. Weather: clear; wind SSW 0-5 mph; 28-57° F. Highlights included Red-breasted Merganser, Virginia Rail, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Osprey, Short-eared Owl, Blue-headed Vireo, 5 species of wrens, and Lincoln's Sparrow. Observers: Ed Daniels, Jeanene Daniels, Jeff Garner, Warren Massey, Damien Simbeck (compiler), Victor Stoll, Allan Trently, Alan Troyer, and Brandon Weber.

SHADY VALLEY/MOUNTAIN CITY – SHDY (36.50000°, -81.85000°) – 3 January; 0600-1500. Weather: partly cloudy/cloudy; wind 0-10 mph; 18-45° F. Highlights included Snow Goose, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Brown Thrasher, and Fox Sparrow. Observers: Robert Biller (compiler), Cade Campbell, Ron Carrico, Roy Knispel, Peter Range, John Shumate (F/Y), and Michele Sparks.

WHITE COUNTY – WHTE (35.90800°, -85.59800°) – 16 December; 0615-1600. Weather: partly cloudy; wind 0-15 mph; 28-59° F. Notable finds included Snow Goose, Loggerhead Shrike, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Rusty Blackbird. Observers: Douglas A. Downs (compiler), Margaret Downs, Janie Finch, Ric Finch, Jim Layzer, Nancy Layzer, Mac McWhirter, Susan McWhirter, Allan Nabors, Holly Taylor, Mark Taylor, and Kathryn Uziel.

County name	MPHS	FAYE	RLFT	JKSN	SAVA	BGSA	DUCK	PRRY	BUFF	CLRK	NASH	HKPR	LEBN
Count date	17-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	2-Jan	27-Dec	16-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec
Species													
Snow Goose	792	-	259	-	-	221	1303	-	-	-	27	54	-
Ross's Goose	4	-	1	-	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater White-fronted Goose	282	-	175	4	2	1390	5505	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cackling Goose	-	-	-	-	-	6	87	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	525	75	16	43	213	167	391	115	56	161	59	184	141
Mute Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wood Duck	32	25	74	3	23	90	47	27	-	26	2	8	-
Blue-winged Teal	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Shoveler	187	-	28	-	3	2	193	-	4	-	-	23	-
Gadwall	435	-	561	-	3	4200	10904	9	-	-	-	30	-
American Wigeon	-	-	31	-	-	1028	3356	9	-	9	-	16	-
Mallard	188	7	1432	31	8	5900	10625	33	4	29	71	306	60
American Black Duck	-	-	-	-	-	25	15	-	-	-	-	5	-
Northern Pintail	118	-	17	-	-	359	2216	317	-	-	-	3	-
Green-winged Teal	-	-	400	-	3	289	9116	-	-	2	-	55	-
Canvasback	7	-	16	-	-	256	38	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redhead	7	-	4	-	1	75	13	-	1	-	-	1	-
Ring-necked Duck	215	-	209	1	140	1835	1025	-	-	1	52	-	2
Greater Scaup	-	-	1	-	2	450	5	-	-	-	1	-	-
Lesser Scaup	914	-	1116	-	256	1015	764	-	-	-	3	8	-
Scaup sp.	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Athya sp.	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surf Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-tailed Duck	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bufflehead	32	-	128	-	223	316	610	-	-	-	-	35	-
Common Goldeneye	2	-	4	-	2	2343	29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hooded Merganser	30	8	88	13	5	71	135	11	-	3	2	19	4
Common Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser	1	-	4	-	2	123	7	-	-	-	-	cw	-
Ruddy Duck	84	-	1823	-	1	13	3	-	-	-	21	5	-
Duck sp.	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Bobwhite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	13	-	-
Wild Turkey	26	1	53	25	6	-	139	3	-	51	3	26	-
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe	15	1	59	1	40	52	14	2	2	2	-	60	11
Horned Grebe	-	-	40	-	36	479	28	-	-	-	-	126	-
Eared Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Rock Pigeon	573	16	30	252	119	2	194	-	74	185	111	188	116
Eurasian Collared-Dove	10	-	5	2	6	-	1	2	13	-	-	-	15
Mourning Dove	207	13	113	118	154	76	137	15	169	54	205	37	78
Virginia Rail	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Sora	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	8	-	12	-	81	6	123	-	-	-	-	366	296
Limpkin	-	-	2	-	-	-	32	3	-	-	-	-	-
Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	-	-	9	6	-	2	-	-	-	-
Black-bellied Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	73	27	584	128	120	33	617	297	354	40	11	67	16
Dunlin	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

FRCO 16-Dec	WHTE 16-Dec	NICK 18-Dec	CHAT 16-Dec	HIWA 1-Jan	BENT 14-Dec	NORR 16-Dec	KNOX 30-Dec	TNEK 16-Dec	CADE 1-Jan	GSNP 5-Jan	KING 19-Dec	ELIZ 16-Dec	ROAN 21-Dec	BRIS 31-Dec	SHDY 3-Jan	TOTALS
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114	316	119	486	161	215	162	942	316	51	155	224	385	17	552	165	6526
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-	15	2	39	-	29	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	447
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47	6	-	16	16	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	537
103	47	3	62	2537	34	-	98	-	-	-	4	cw	-	136	-	19166
-	-	-	1	100	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	4597
25	91	7	-	640	7	47	243	86	4	69	150	103	6	109	52	20333
2	-	-	-	21	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	72
-	-	2	-	32	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3066
65	37	1	7	115	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	13	-	10107
-	-	14	-	97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	428
2	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111
9	15	12	268	108	9	-	12	-	-	-	22	3	-	25	-	3963
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	461
13	3	25	91	25	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4236
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12	21	25	30	22	-	2	1	-	11	-	1	119	7	213	-	1808
-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2385
46	118	12	54	93	19	2	10	2	-	-	-	4	-	59	12	820
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9	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148
26	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1978
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-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
-	34	1	-	-	20	-	16	15	25	28	8	21	-	54	-	555
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
20	6	96	129	21	6	8	43	5	11	-	36	17	-	17	-	674
152	-	-	76	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	980
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-	218	80	2027	52	246	46	359	252	-	85	265	284	15	182	73	6044
16	11	-	3	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
109	231	70	192	138	543	134	191	258	122	98	107	84	11	59	76	3799
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
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172	-	4512	2683	2650	2	-	62	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	10982
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	38
39	60	6	33	6323	9	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6549
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
63	51	4	53	109	120	20	167	37	14	13	7	4	-	3	4	3036
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Species													
Least Sandpiper	310	-	-	-	-	-	102	20	-	-	-	-	-
American Woodcock	2	-	2	3	-	-	6	1	1	-	-	-	-
Wilson's Snipe	46	3	162	61	20	33	172	145	31	4	cw	-	5
Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	1	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	21	-	511	-	213	826	5698	625	-	2	-	102	2
Ring-billed Gull	382	-	5553	-	1134	13000	3174	234	-	23	-	345	33
Herring Gull	-	-	6	-	30	216	76	1	-	-	-	5	-
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	1	-	1	12	26	-	-	-	-	cw	-
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	-	24	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-throated Loon	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Loon	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Loon	-	-	5	-	125	302	-	-	-	-	-	89	-
Anhinga	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Double-crested Cormorant	1	-	216	-	33	6	4684	-	-	-	-	1	28
Neotropic Cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
American White Pelican	-	-	2	-	2	471	724	181	-	20	-	64	45
Great Blue Heron	26	8	15	12	35	28	92	24	11	11	12	60	12
Great Egret	10	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Vulture	189	174	100	79	89	44	185	96	119	306	156	147	349
Turkey Vulture	60	144	166	58	113	395	199	241	235	76	36	12	7
Osprey	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Harrier	16	4	34	3	6	1	37	1	8	2	2	2	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	-	4	1	2	1	6	-	2	-	2	-	-
Cooper's Hawk	12	2	2	2	-	1	2	-	3	-	8	1	1
Accipiter sp.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	7	4	94	-	16	21	71	19	8	3	8	7	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	23	19	18	18	19	15	25	8	24	9	2	14	3
Red-tailed Hawk	52	23	55	15	18	17	37	9	38	18	25	7	20
Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barn Owl	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	-	4	5	1	5	2	12	4	6	-	2	2	-
Great Horned Owl	3	3	4	1	1	3	17	4	3	3	2	-	-
Burrowing Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
Barred Owl	8	4	19	3	9	4	27	5	2	3	-	6	-
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-		1	-	-	-		-	-
Short-eared Owl	14	-	5	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	11	4	3	5	13	12	25	11	9	9	7	11	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	10	30	4	5	23	27	25	10	30	6	2	-	-
Red-bellied Woodpecker	133	1224	71	41	52	40	88	46	58	79	104	27	17
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	26	26	22	19	17	15	54	17	20	19	33	16	10
Downy Woodpecker	70	65	65	32	40	32	108	42	46	45	84	31	11
Hairy Woodpecker	10	7	19	5	2	14	24	6	3	6	10	-	-
Northern Flicker	81	70	83	26	40	32	147	31	56	35	50	34	18
Pileated Woodpecker	27	24	40	8	20	22	63	20	13	19	23	3	-

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29	-	46	223	326	-	55	220	12	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	8948
97	-	310	228	203	6	250	4210	6	-	-	14	4	-	51	-	29257
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	339
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42	-	1	130	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	697
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12	-	109	69	460	-	-	68	-	-	-	33	2	-	-	-	5722
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-	-	-	300	758	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	2698
4	19	22	63	58	28	7	84	9	3	5	20	12	2	19	4	705
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135
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62	224	54	22	23	60	97	18	7	-	23	49	4	6	36	3	2430
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9	38	9	19	13	34	9	15	22	1	17	26	25	1	12	14	598
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11	45	14	55	16	67	25	29	67	14	17	23	21	4	17	11	1139
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Species													
Woodpecker sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Kestrel	17	8	33	11	11	7	11	6	48	13	8	5	21
Merlin	1	-	cw	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Flycatcher	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Phoebe	28	26	22	5	14	13	41	13	40	8	14	3	5
White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue-headed Vireo	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-
Blue Jay	149	168	70	82	52	52	255	68	99	87	168	56	89
American Crow	115	301	191	123	660	105	402	150	265	129	409	123	-
Fish Crow	10	-	10	71	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crow sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Raven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carolina Chickadee	120	107	166	79	127	98	250	127	144	141	213	80	49
Black-capped Chickadee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tufted Titmouse	127	140	125	82	121	84	203	78	174	81	191	42	29
Horned Lark	2	-	172	-	8	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	82	41	111	51	185	49	188	63	55	20	32	23	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	43	102	101	73	189	60	194	65	59	23	67	32	6
Cedar Waxwing	77	431	218	147	122	172	237	309	34	195	808	101	132
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	2	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	32	37	40	3	38	37	77	34	87	36	78	5	-
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Creeper	21	13	24	10	7	21	24	8	5	8	11	9	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carolina Wren	146	90	89	62	115	54	188	66	80	101	167	64	19
House Wren	3	1	1	1	3	1	6	5	1	-	2	-	-
Winter Wren	18	13	52	21	23	11	17	21	17	7	11	7	-
Sedge Wren	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marsh Wren	12	-	1	-	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Catbird	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Thrasher	28	15	19	15	20	11	55	15	13	2	10	4	3
Northern Mockingbird	47	33	28	33	38	16	31	16	93	65	84	57	48
European Starling	1437	41	2284	1003	581	210	963	108	1586	1004	489	336	446
Eastern Bluebird	115	75	56	35	142	78	161	98	263	115	175	79	71
Hermit Thrush	24	16	44	20	31	22	62	35	34	6	48	23	5
Wood Thrush	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Robin	119	138	515	126	139	53	22	231	129	227	1673	504	-
House Sparrow	5	19	161	37	13	7	6	38	120	20	17	21	11
American Pipit	13	135	11	1	30	1	299	142	134	40	30	cw	-
House Finch	31	10	12	6	60	27	28	51	57	61	114	69	62
Purple Finch	3	1	6	2	1	43	46	11	40	4	5	cw	19
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pine Siskin	1	1	1	-	33	2	9	-	-	-	22	-	-
American Goldfinch	31	176	108	29	76	51	273	167	78	124	178	38	48
Lapland Longspur	-	-	351	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-Dec	16-Dec	18-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	14-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	5-Jan	19-Dec	16-Dec	21-Dec	31-Dec	3-Jan	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
29	84	7	8	11	20	3	5	12	2	5	8	12	1	19	7	432
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4	13	14	59	19	65	7	19	33	12	26	11	17	4	9	11	555
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-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
18	102	70	101	57	317	90	141	209	47	64	163	101	25	115	46	3061
103	326	308	130	78	298	414	356	442	148	292	146	327	74	523	213	7151
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-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	6	5	14	3	7	9	51
34	45	45	186	39	146	134	211	296	89	2180	102	145	31	65	29	5478
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24	98	52	145	35	113	151	141	211	45	124	71	98	10	44	15	2854
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11	62	60	140	64	127	108	163	205	38	113	102	94	9	86	27	2650
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3	3	2	18	4	21	5	9	25	18	25	10	9	6	15	1	392
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2	8	9	22	8	52	5	3	8	-	3	4	3	1	-	1	339
28	72	24	114	24	65	30	131	94	3	28	81	60	1	31	13	1388
1354	5277	231	1536	313	985	179	1026	846	36	83	1221	1330	91	780	577	26353
82	265	46	141	86	176	133	219	167	37	112	93	95	28	120	92	3355
4	13	10	46	16	30	17	25	41	5	16	8	11	1	9	1	623
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46	311	43	394	186	280	63	765	527	213	146	325	354	41	96	14	7680
9	22	3	84	2	20	13	5	31	-	69	21	18	1	7	-	780
6	11	-	-	59	387	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1309
8	56	23	67	18	47	27	210	118	10	95	63	51	16	92	40	1529
-	-	-	1	4	15	cw	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	207
-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	30
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	309	59	-	-	-	1	-	441
13	76	81	126	26	150	49	62	201	71	155	78	68	16	43	85	2677
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

County name	MPHS	FAYE	RLFT	JKSN	SAVA	BGSA	DUCK	PRRY	BUFF	CLRK	NASH	HKPR	LEBN
Count date	17-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	2-Jan	27-Dec	16-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec
Species													
Chipping Sparrow	5	87	2	50	239	3	44	91	157	25	5	2	26
Field Sparrow	48	29	35	84	85	57	131	111	273	64	40	31	2
Fox Sparrow	34	7	44	37	23	10	20	19	7	1	13	8	1
American Tree Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	192	286	110	260	385	297	340	152	210	256	90	84	55
White-crowned Sparrow	40	12	3	20	10	5	32	36	59	40	3	-	-
Harris's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-			1	-	-		-	-
White-throated Sparrow	596	387	376	287	392	237	890	302	525	146	459	198	73
Vesper Sparrow	1	-	1	-	8	-	7	-	17	-	1	-	-
Le Conte's Sparrow	11	2	6	-	-	18	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	194	46	195	63	309	84	692	3	168	17	26	2	-
Song Sparrow	118	71	201	64	172	80	604	184	169	82	102	74	20
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swamp Sparrow	107	91	335	143	121	133	766	312	34	10	48	17	4
Eastern Towhee	42	70	16	36	59	28	57	27	92	36	51	9	-
Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Meadowlark	126	64	145	6	107	1	173	2	243	14	12	1	-
Western Meadowlark	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	1481	26	5134	61	263	42	12483	38	315	14	220	142	-
Brown-headed Cowbird	171	-	307	5	1	70	497	-	557	10	93	2	61
Rusty Blackbird	204	-	510	10	-	22	329	6	2	-	551	115	31
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	11	-	-	-	1	-	16	-	-	-	-
Common Grackle	4889	28	605	25	1798	12	2711	-	31	10	141	12	25
Blackbird sp.	25	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-	-
Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	4	-	4	1	4	2	6	-	-	-	5	2	1
Common Yellowthroat	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	6	1	4	-	2	1	-	1	-
Pine Warbler	7	12	1	7	85	12	28	4	3	3	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	131	144	288	61	353	156	412	262	80	146	195	94	39
Northern Cardinal	187	176	207	103	188	90	342	66	243	123	266	148	39
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total individuals	18064	5865	28175	4473	11018	39107	88378	6199	8337	4827	8498	5233	2759
Total Species	112	74	122	80	110	117	136	88	82	76	81	86	59
Count Week species	-	-	1	-	-		-	-	-	1	1	4	-
Observers	44	18	16	8	9	8	14	5	15	13	55	21	15
Parties	8--13	6	7	5	6	6	9	4	7	6	9	4	5
Party Hours	70.3	33.5	62	38	56.5	29	78.5	34.5	60.25	47.75	60.5	31.5	32.25
Hours by car	14.9	18.5	34	22	27.75	13	23	15	42.5	28.5	9.5	12.25	24.75
Hours by foot	55.4	15	28	16	28.75	16	44	19.5	17.75	19.25	51	19.25	7.5
Hours by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miles by car	146.6	117.51	337	128	270.4	201	271	145	285.2	274.3	145.9	84	165.3
Miles on foot	43.45	25.31	18.5	9.5	13	14	40	12.5	10.1	13.7	40.6	16.4	17.75
Miles by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hours Owling	4.75	0.5	1.5	0.5	1.75	-	7	1.5	0.75	0.7	2	2	-
Miles Owling	3.75	1	12	10	5.3	-	39	3.5	5	0.21	4.75	1.4	-
Feeder / yard watchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Feeder / yard hours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5

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16-Dec	16-Dec	18-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	14-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	5-Jan	19-Dec	16-Dec	21-Dec	31-Dec	3-Jan	
10	81	94	55	142	109	100	164	17	12	69	37	6	-	33	-	1665
1	139	38	57	41	75	29	35	92	3	38	24	24	4	12	10	1612
4	1	3	12	2	-	1	1	13	4	2	1	-	-	1	2	271
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
18	163	131	72	22	47	118	82	33	78	88	31	79	41	29	100	3849
6	10	1	-	-	11	10	14	24	-	1	-	-	-	2	14	353
-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	1
159	423	101	-	90	203	86	177	304	27	128	89	81	11	54	21	6822
-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
3	5	1	40	90	381	1	11	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2356
16	100	32	362	128	283	79	158	227	61	147	88	75	46	72	48	3863
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
3	20	6	124	43	80	1	20	30	9	37	26	6	1	5	12	2544
-	23	31	50	16	94	40	38	84	9	34	24	11	6	10	11	1004
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67	115	4	10	17	93	3	31	52	-	2	18	5	-	5	13	1329
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
48	168	80	1059	2281	6753	-	123	105	30	12	56	-	-	10	12	30956
-	32	120	50	3	77	cw	424	101	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2583
170	1	-	47	1	117	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2137
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
45	5256	3	78	11	6502	-	200	21	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	22407
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9	240	85	487	148	325	93	232	219	20	51	212	169	5	77	4	4737
55	219	62	218	107	198	86	241	273	36	127	134	122	17	99	25	4197
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3824	16339	7697	14166	19745	20985	3430	13455	6931	1853	5327	4656	4803	621	4405	1923	361092
83	82	84	94	97	94	68	91	77	63	65	71	68	49	78	54	169
-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	18
16	13	7	36	16	10	13	34	31	12	31	19	25	7	13	7	531
6	6	6	8	6	7	6	24	22	7	23	10	6--8	2	6	3	216
21.8	49.35	40	63	48	41	34.2	88.02	80.17	39.1	100.1	49.94	41	16	46.5	22.5	1415.23
21.3	42.15	24	26	28	17.5	19.5	17.32	13.45	9.75	41.17	17.31	15.5	5	29.4	18	631
0.5	7.2	13	37	20	28.5	14.7	70.7	66.72	29.35	58.93	32.63	25.5	11	15.1	4.5	772.73
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181	374	154	350	285	177	180.8	185.73	129.46	62.5	198.54	110.3	258	79	242.33	156	5694.87
0.25	6.5	16	38	13	34	10.2	64.76	64.16	23.75	57.29	24.98	9	8	10.5	4	659.2
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-	0.75	2	7	1	4	1.5	0.43	0.5	2	-	0.75	5	1	1	1	50.88
-	2.2	8	25	1	4	5	1.8	-	1.7	-	5.5	26	1	-	2.5	169.61
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	6	1	-	-	-	1	21
-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-	27	1	22.08	2	-	-	-	2	56.88

THE FALL SEASON (ADDENDUM)

Graham Gerdeman, Editor

1 – 30 November 2023

The following are the sightings for November 2023 which were mistakenly omitted from the Fall Season Report in Volume 94, No. 4 (December 2023). For details regarding weather, observers, etc., please refer to that issue. We apologize for this error.

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Ross's Goose: Sumner Co (3) Cage's Bend Campground, Old Hickory Lake, 18 Nov (ph, TLo); and Shelby Co (1) Mud Island (CR) on the same day, ers.

Cackling Goose: Williamson Co (1) Ward Circle Pond, Brentwood, 29 Nov (ph, JA) was confirmed to be of the *minima* subspecies. It is the first to be photo documented in Tennessee and one of a small handful of confirmed records in the eastern US.

Tundra Swan: Sullivan Co (24) Musicks Campground, South Holston Lake, 10 Nov (RLK, ph, SQ, m.ob.) second highest fall record since 1978.

Gadwall: Shelby Co (1013) Riverport Rd Sloughs, 10 Nov, max (CRu).

Redhead: Davidson Co (30) J. Percy Priest Lake, Seven Points Campground, 19 Nov, max (RMG, WL) notable high count.

Ring-necked Duck: Henry Co (3000) Springville, 10 Nov, max (RS).

There were good numbers of all three scoter species this fall. One notable report from Cook Recreation Area in Davidson Co had all three species in one location on 11 Nov (DR).

Surf Scoter: Williamson Co (1) Franklin Reservoir, 1 Nov (RMG, m.ob.) joined an earlier bird and continued until the last report of a single bird on 11 Nov (HB); (3) in the same location, 15 Nov (ph, SWh, KWh); Davidson Co (5) Cook Recreation Area, 11 Nov (ph, DR); Sumner Co (1) Lock 3, Old Hickory Lake (ph, TLo); Meigs Co (1) Chickamauga Lake, 11 Nov (ph, LT, TL); Marion Co (1) Nickajack Dam, 11 Nov (ph, CB, CS).

White-winged Scoter: Shelby Co (1) Hyde Lake, Shelby Farms Park, 15 Nov (ph, PJP, CVN); Davidson Co (6) Cook Recreation Area, 11 Nov, max (AF, DR); Knox / Anderson Cos (1) reported from Knox Co side of Solway Bridge, Melton Hill Lake, 2 Nov (ph, CE) later seen regularly from both counties until 24 Nov (m.ob.); and (1) Boone Lake, 22 Nov (BFi, SQ).

Black Scoter: Hamilton Co (1) Point Park, Lookout Mountain, 12 Nov (BD) and possibly the same individual reported 14 Nov, Booker T. Washington SP (TL, m.ob.); Rutherford Co (2) Fate Sanders Marina, J. Percy Priest Lake, 11 Nov (JW, m.ob.); Davidson Co (3) Cook

Recreation Area, 11 Nov (DR) with at least one bird reported daily in the area until 14 Nov (m.ob.).

Long-tailed Duck: Williamson Co (1) Franklin Reservoir, 21 Nov (ph, RMG, WL); Sullivan Co (1) South Holston Lake, 24 Nov (BPo, JPo, ph, SQ, BFi); Hamilton Co (2) Chickamauga Dam, 28 Nov (FF, m.ob.); Shelby Co (1) Shelby Farms Park, 25–30 Nov (ph, CRo, PJP, m.ob.)

Red-breasted Merganser: Humphreys (136) DRU, 20 Nov, max (RMG, WL).

Red-necked Grebe: Davidson Co (1) Cook Recreation Area, J. Percy Priest Lake, 4 Nov (ph, DR), then (2) found in the same area 12 Nov (ph. DR, CR, m.ob.). Likely the same pair were photographed from the J. Percy Priest Dam overlook 15 Nov (ph, HK); Shelby Co (1) Trap Lake, Shelby Farms Park, 15 Nov (RH); Dekalb Co (1) Hurricane Bridge Recreation Area, 18 Nov (SNM); Blount Co (1) Fort Loudon Lake, 15 Nov (RW).

Eared Grebe: Hamilton Co (1) Chickamauga Dam, day use area, 9 Nov (ph, JD, m.ob.); Sullivan Co (3) South Holston Lake, 10 Nov (DC).

WESTERN GREBE: Lake Co (1) Reelfoot Lake SP Visitor Center, 25 Nov (ph, CRu) and relocated 28 Nov (MAG).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Montgomery Co (1) late juvenile was banded 12 Nov (ba, CR *fide* GG); Shelby Co (1) Millington, adult female, 18 Nov (CR *fide* GG).

Virginia Rail: Humphreys Co (2) reported throughout Oct–Nov.

Common Gallinule: Knox Co (1) juvenile, Gilbert Drive Marsh, 26 Nov (ph, EB, m.ob.) continued throughout the season.

American Coot: Hamilton Co (8500) Chester Frost Park, 10 Nov, max (SWh, KWh).

Limpkin: Middle TN: Davidson Co (1) Centennial Park, 28 Aug – 9 Nov (ph, m.ob) and believed to be the same bird reported in a tree at the Frist Museum parking lot, 4 Nov (ph, GG); Humphreys Co, (20) DRU,11 Nov, max, (ph, RS, MG), new state high count; Maury Co (1) Big Oak Lake, 8 Nov (ph, HD); Marshall Co (1) report submitted to iNaturalist, Henry Horton SP, 14 Nov (ph, Brett Corrieri); Sumner Co (1) Lock 4 Park, 14 – 16 Nov (ph, JFr, m.ob.).

East TN: Hamilton Co (1) Lyons Bend, 22 Nov (ph, SH); Meigs Co (1) Chickamauga Lake, Bear Branch Access, 8 / 21 – 27 Nov (ph, TSh, m.ob.); Rhea Co (2) private location, 18 Nov (Lewis Young).

Sandhill Crane: Washington Co (1) Johnson City, 15 Sept, ers (JBo); Bradley Co (850) backyard count of flyovers, 24 Nov, max (PMD).

Whooping Crane: Montgomery Co (2) photographed in a flyover flock of Sandhill Cranes,

25 Nov (ph, SY) was a sharp observation and an awesome yard list addition for the observer.

American Avocet: Humphreys Co (3) DRU, 13 Nov (ph, MH); Shelby Co, as many as (2) long-staying birds, Shelby Farms Park, 20 Sept–4 Nov (m.ob.).

Long-billed Dowitcher: reported in 6 counties. Humphreys Co (51) DRU, 13 Nov, max (JDJ); Sumner Co (2) Memorial Park, 3 Nov (ph, TLo) and (1) Sanders Ferry Road (TLo, MS, ph, GW) notable for the county.

Wilson's Snipe: Humphreys Co (147) DRU, 11 Nov, max (RS).

Dunlin: Humphreys (165) DRU, 11 Nov, max (RS).

Western Sandpiper: Shelby Co (18) Ensley, 10 Nov, max (ph, CRu).

ANCIENT MURRELET: Hamilton Co (1) first state record found by Tim L. Russell at Chickamauga Dam Day Use Area, 24 Nov and observed by hundreds of birders and casual birdwatchers alike until last reported 3 Dec (ph, TLR, m.ob.).

Bonaparte's Gull: Obion Co (1300) Reelfoot Lake–Lower Blue Basin, 25 Nov, max (RS).

Red-throated Loon: Carter Co (1) Watauga River, 13–19 Nov (BPo, JPo, m.ob.); Davidson Co (1) from several vantage points on J. Percy Priest Lake, 18–20 Nov (DR, m.ob.), likely representing more than one individual; Hamilton Co (2) Chester Frost Park, 10 Nov, max (ph, TL, KD, m.ob.), with 1–2 birds reported from the area 10–25 Nov; Henry Co (1) Kentucky Lake–Port Road Overlook, 10 Nov (RS); Lake Co (1) Reelfoot Lake, 25/28 Nov (MAG, CRu).

Pacific Loon: Hamilton Co (1) Chester Frost Park, 14 Nov (ph, SWh, KWh) and (1) Chickamauga Dam Day Use Area, 25–26 Nov (CR, SR, m.ob.); Obion Co (1) Reelfoot Lake–Lower Blue Basin, 25 Nov (RS).

Common Loon: Davidson Co (592) J. Percy Priest Lake–Cook Recreation Area, 10 Nov, max (DR) exceptionally high count.

American Bittern: Sullivan Co (1) Kingsport, 23–24 Nov (BFi, SQ, m.ob.) notable late date.

Golden Eagle: Meigs Co (1) immature, Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge, 11 Nov (ph, LT, TL).

Rough-legged Hawk: Dyer Co (1) Finley, 24 Nov (ph, LC).

Short-eared Owl: a very active season in Shelby Co at Shelby Farms Park–Gardener Road Marsh beginning with (2) birds reported 1 Nov (ph, DVN, CVN) and as many as (10) on 27 Nov, max (ph, RP); Humphreys Co (2) one or two reported ,5–12 Nov (m.ob.); Gibson Co (3) Milligan Cole Rd, Trenton, 14/29 Nov (au, MAG) and (3) Mt Orange, 13 Nov (MAG); Blount Co (2) winter arrivals reported at Cades Cove, 28/30 Nov (RW); Montgomery Co

(1) flushed during Bobwhite surveys on Ft. Campbell, 1 Nov (DM *fide* GG); Meigs Co (1) Hiwassee Refuge, 11 Nov (LT, TL) which may represent a first county record.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Monroe Co (2) Whigg Meadow, 11/13 Nov, one bird banded (ba, CGi, TG).

Say's Phoebe: Gibson Co (1) Maness Swamp Refuge, 15 Nov (MAG) second county record.

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: Hamilton Co (1) Baylor School, 3–4 Nov (ph, LT, m.ob.) twelfth state record. Presumably the same bird reported again about 5 miles away at Red Bank Central Park, 12 Nov (DMK).

Yellow-throated Vireo: Van Buren Co (1) Fall Creek Falls SP, 5 Nov (SMN) late fall state record.

Horned Lark: Dyer Co (150) Finley, 25 Nov, max (RS) notably high fall count.

Marsh Wren: Shelby Co (1) Ensley, 18 Nov, lrs (JV, m.ob.).

American Robin: Hamilton Co (1196) overhead flights, 12 Nov, max (JDi).

American Pipit: Coffee Co (850) Hickerson Rd Sod Farm, 17 Nov, max (SNM) more than doubles the previous state high count.

Lapland Longspur: Dyer Co (12) Dummyline Rd, Finley, 25 Nov, max (RS).

Harris's Sparrow: Williamson Co (1) juvenile reported at the site of a previous bird in 2022 15 Nov (ph, PS).

White-throated Sparrow: Williamson Co (70) Marcella Vivrette Smith Park, 18 Nov, max (SG).

LeConte's Sparrow: Reported from Shelby, Humphreys, Dyer, Henry, and Rutherford Cos. Shelby Co (14) Shelby Farms Park, 3 Nov (ph, SD, CVN, CRu) was the highest count.

Nelson's Sparrow: Humphreys Co (3) DRU 21 Oct, max (ph, DR, RS) reported regularly from 8 Oct–4 Nov.

Savannah Sparrow: Shelby Co (110) Shelby Farms Park–Gardener Rd Marsh, 3 Nov, max (ph, SD, CVN, CRu).

Lincoln's Sparrow: Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 24 Nov (RS) was the latest date.

Western Meadowlark: Dyer Co (2) Bogota WMA, 18 Nov (ph, DR); and an incredible record from Hamilton Co (1) Chester Frost Park, 15 Nov (au,TL).

Baltimore Oriole: Montgomery Co (1) adult male, Port Royal SP, 24 Nov (ph, CS) very late date.

Red-winged Blackbird: Blount Co (2120) Springfield Branch, 17 Nov, max (TH).

Rusty Blackbird: Rutherford Co (300) Murfree Springs Wetland, 29 Nov, max (JW).

Brewer's Blackbird: Hamilton Co (2) Old McDonald's Farm Area, 5 Nov (ph, KWh, SWh); Henry Co (1) Britton Ford, 10 Nov (RS); Dyer Co (3) Dummyline Rd, Finley, 25 Nov (RS).

Ovenbird: Sumner Co (1) Lock 4 Park, 24 Nov, lrs (ph, MD, SMD).

Common Yellowthroat: Rutherford Co (1) Murfree Springs Wetlands, 12 Nov, lrs (ph, AN).

Northern Parula: Shelby Co (1) Wolf River Greenway, 6 Nov, lrs (ph, JV, NB).

Palm Warbler: Davidson Co (4) Shelby Bottoms Park–Cornelia Fort Airpark, 28 Nov, lrs (ph, AD).

Yellow-throated Warbler: Sequatchie Valley (1) coming to feeders, 25 Nov, lrs (Jeff Conn) new late fall date for the state.

Wilson's Warbler: Hamilton Co (1) Signal Mountain, 16 Nov, lrs (ph, KG).

Scarlet Tanager: Hamilton Co (1) Signal Mountain, 16 Nov, lrs (Gary Lanham).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Hamilton Co (1) 16 Nov, lrs (ph, JDi).

Indigo Bunting: Williamson Co (2) Marcella Vivrette Smith Park,18 Nov, lrs (SG).

THE WINTER SEASON

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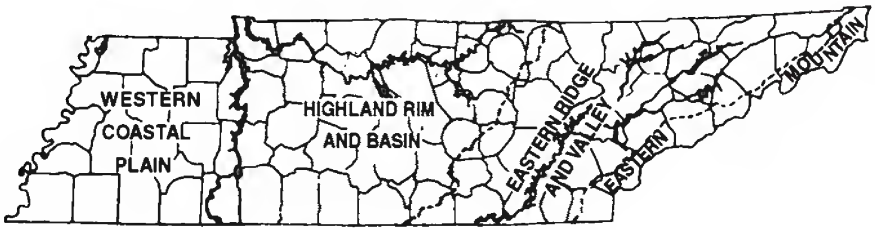

1 December – 29 February 2024

Winter started out warm and dry with daily temperatures in December ranging from 1-4˚F above average throughout the state and some degree of drought conditions in most counties. The majority of West and Middle TN ended the year in severe drought. The main weather event of the season was an arctic air blast in January which sent the state plummeting to sub-zero temperatures and brought heavy precipitation. Thirty-one daily cold records were broken and 61 weather stations reported daily record snow depth measurements. Stations in Williamson and Hamblen counties recorded all their all-time record snow depth measurements. By the end of the month, temperatures were back above average. February was 1-6˚F above average across the state with heavy rain in the first half of the month but ending with drier conditions. [1]

Rarities this season included the first state record ANCIENT MURRELET and second record WESTERN FLYCATCHER. It was a good winter for the rarer gulls and loons, and a weak to average year for irruptive finches.

Sightings are extracted from eBird [2], submissions from regional compilers, the tn-birds listserv, and when necessary, verified social media posts. Comments on historical records rely on Birds of Tennessee - A New Annotated Checklist [3], archives of the tn-birds listserv as well as subsequent eBird records and submissions to the Tennessee Bird Records Committee (TBRC).

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

ad - adult	max - maximum count
au - audio recorded	m.ob. - many observers
ba - banded	Mtn - Mountain
Co - County	NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
ers - earliest reported sighting	ph - photographed
et al. - and others	SNA - State Natural Area
fide - reported by	SP - State Park
im - immature	WMA - Wildlife Management Area
lrs - latest reported sighting	yg - young

Locations: SBP - "Snow Bunting Peninsula" on Old Hickory Lake, Davidson Co; DRU - Duck River Unit of TN NWR, Humphreys Co; Ensley - Ensley Bottoms, including the EARTH Complex and TVA Lake, southwest Shelby Co; Lock 3 - Old Hickory Lake, Sumner

Co; LBL - Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area; GSMNP - Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Black-bellied Whistling Duck: Obion Co (7) including a downy juvenile, Hornbeak, 28 Dec (ph, MAG) and (14) same location, 4 Jan (ph, MAG); as many as (29) Rives, 21–25 Feb (ph, MAG, m.ob.).

Snow Goose: Dyer Co (20,000) Bogota WMA, max (JS, AO, CWa)

Ross's Goose: widespread reports of mostly single digits from 23 counties in every part of the state. Lauderdale Co (75) Lower Hatchie NWR, 24 Feb, max (AT).

Greater White-fronted Goose: Humphreys Co (6,000) DRU, 9 Feb, max (AT).

Cackling Goose: Generally rare away from the western plain and TN NWR, there were six reports from Middle and East TN: Montgomery Co (12) max in a mixed flock at Dunbar Cave SP, 20–22 Jan (ph, SWo, m.ob.); Williamson Co (1) rare *minima* ssp. continued from fall and stayed through the season (m.ob.); Warren Co (5) Harvest Farm Lake, 2–13 Jan (ph, DSh, RSh, m.ob.); Sullivan Co (1) Warrior's Path SP, Kingsport, 16–18 Jan (PRa, ph, BF, SQ, m.ob.); McMinn Co (15) Athens, 19–29 Feb (ph, AY, m.ob.); Humphreys Co (225) DRU, 9 Feb, (RS).

Mute Swan: Wilson Co (5) family group of adults and juveniles, Old Hickory Lake near Schutes Branch, 21–25 Jan (ph, AS, m.ob.) after a polar blast were very likely feral from further north.

Trumpeter Swan: Overton Co (1) juvenile, Livingston City Lake, 30 Jan–17 Feb (ph, RSh, DSh, m.ob.).

Tundra Swan: Reported from 9 counties in Middle and East, TN Rhea Co (1) Watts Bar Lake, 1–4 Dec (ph, RSh, DSh, m.ob.); Anderson/Knox Cos (2) reported from both counties, Melton Hill Lake, 26 Jan–23 Feb (ph, JD, m.ob.); Davidson Co (1) SBP, 24–25 Jan (ph, AT, GW, m.ob.); (1) Cleeces Ferry Road, 22 Feb, continuing into spring (FF, ph, GG, m.ob.); Hawkins Co (2) John Sevier Lake, 23 Jan, continuing into spring (ph, SH); Humphreys Co (11) Duck River Bottoms near DRU, 24–25 Jan (ph, AT); Meigs Co (1) Hiwassee Refuge and vicinity, 26 Jan–3 Feb (WJ, ph, KDc, RDc, m.ob.); Loudon (1) Caldwell Ponds, 12–26 Feb (DVu, ph, CE, m.ob.).

Blue-winged Teal: Knox Co (1) Gilbert Drive Marsh, reported throughout the season 2 Dec–3 Feb (ph, AF, AY, m.ob.); Shelby Co (2) drakes, 17 Dec (ph, CRu, MCh, SHe) were late. One of these lingered and was apparently injured. It was last reported 17 Jan (ph, RSi); Franklin Co (5) Woods Reservoir, 25 Jan, earliest spring arrivals (SGB, m.ob.).

Greater Scaup: Henry Co (450) notable high count, TN NWR–Big Sandy Unit, Pace Point, 17 Dec (RS, LP).

Surf Scoter: Henry Co (1) TN NWR–Big Sandy Unit, 17 Dec (RS, LP); Hamilton Co (1)

Booker T. Washington SP, 22 Jan (ph, TL, m.ob.).

White-winged Scoter: Carroll Co (1) reported several times at Halford Lake, 15 Dec (ph, AT), 28 Jan (ph, CA, RS), and 4 Feb (AT); Sumner Co (1) Old Hickory Lake, Lock 3 Rec Area, 31 Dec/7 Jan (ph, TLo); Hamilton Co (8) Booker T. Washington SP, 22 Jan max (ph, TL, m.ob.); Davidson Co (1) J. Percy Priest Lake, 3–16 Feb (MJ, ph, RD, m.ob.).

Black Scoter: Sullivan Co (1) Warriors Path State Park, 29 Jan (ph, SQ, BF).

Long-tailed Duck: Shelby Co (1) apparent hatch-year male continuing from fall, last reported 24 Feb (m.ob.); (1) Lake Windermere, 14 Dec (ph, RP); (1) female, Ensley, 30 Jan (ph, JV); Sumner Co (1) female, Old Hickory Lake, Lock 3 Rec Area, 24 Jan (ph, TLo); Sullivan Co (3) South Holston Lake, 30 Jan–3 Feb (RLK, ph, SQ, BF, m.ob.); Hardeman Co (1) adult male, Sand Beach Lake, 14 Feb (ph, JW).

Common Merganser: There were numerous reports from 24 counties, mostly concentrated in the east. In Middle and West TN: Davidson Co (2) were notable for the county, SBP, 24–25 Jan (ph, AT, m.ob.); Benton Co (1) Nathan Bedford Forrest SP, 9 Dec (AT) and as many as (3) Beaver Dam Creek, 4–14 Feb (ph, SBr, m.ob.); Carroll Co (4) Halford Lake, 21 Jan (ph, VS, RS, AT); Henry Co (1) Britton Ford, 16 Jan (VS, RS, AT); and Gibson Co (4) Gibson County Lake, 24 Jan (ph, MAG).

Wild Turkey: Populations have declined in recent years for unknown reasons, prompting TWRA to request reports from the public. Birders should make efforts to document their sightings. Humphreys Co (110) Painted Rock Rd, Waverly, 23 Dec, max (AT).

Horned Grebe: Davidson Co (434) J. Percy Priest Lake, Seven Points Campground, 30 Jan, max (FF) notable.

Red-Necked Grebe: Davidson Co (1) J. Percy Priest Lake, Seven Points Picnic Area, 22 Feb (ph, AT).

Eared Grebe: Davidson Co (1–2) J. Percy Priest Lake from 26 Dec (ph, FF, MJ) last reported 29 Feb (ph, GG).

White-winged Dove: Blount Co (1) coming to a feeding station, Kettering Road, 30 Jan–29 Feb (ph, SGr, m.ob.).

Chimney/Vaux's Swift: Anderson Co (1) well-described *Chaetura* swift, 27 Feb (CN) not seen well enough to rule out a vagrant Vaux's Swift vs. a very early returning Chimney Swift.

Black-chinned Hummingbird: Shelby Co (1) second-year male at private feeder, 24 Dec–15 Jan (ph, SJo, ba, CR, m.ob.).

Rufous Hummingbird: Meigs Co (1) hatch-year male, Birchwood, 14 Dec (ba, MMy fide GG).

Rufous / Allen's Hummingbird: Shelby Co (1) arrived at the same feeder as the Black-chinned

Hummingbird and was briefly present 14 Jan (ph, SJo), but could not be identified to species.

Virginia Rail: Greene Co (17) Walmart Distribution Center wetland, Greene Co CBC, new state high count for winter. There were reports from seven other counties: Lincoln Co (2) Fowler Road Irrigation Pond, 1 Dec (ph, AF) and reports of single birds 10/13 Jan (AF, RN, JN); Shelby Co (1) Ensley, 17 Dec (CRu, JV, m.ob.); Humphreys Co (1) ETC Management, 23 Dec (RS); Perry Co (2) Gadwall Marsh, 24 Dec (VS); Maury (1) Monsanto Ponds, 26 Dec (JWa); Henderson Co (1) Beech River WMA, 25 Jan (AT); and Hardin Co (2) Walker Branch SNA, 12 Feb (MB).

Sora: Hamilton Co (1) throughout the season, Standifer Gap Marsh (m.ob.), and (1) Baylor School, 22–23 Jan (ph, AY, LT, KD); Shelby Co (3) Ensley, 17 Dec (CRu, JV, m.ob.); Knox Co (2) UT Plant Sciences Farm, 30 Dec (MM); Blount Co (1–3) reported regularly at Springfield Branch, 5 Jan–20 Feb (TH); Sullivan Co (1) Meadowview Golf Course, 15–26 Feb (BF, SQ, m.ob.).

Common Gallinule: Knox Co (1) juvenile bird continued from fall, Gilbert Dr. Marsh and overwintered. It was last reported 21 Feb (ZA, m.ob.); Hamilton Co (1) juvenile, Standifer Gap Marsh, 27 Jan (ph, NK, m.ob.) continued into spring.

American Coot: Rhea Co (5,000) Chickamauga Lake, 11 Feb, max (m.ob.).

LIMPKIN: Many continued from fall, with 13 counties reporting sightings this season (down from 24 in the Fall Season). Several of these continued into spring. Of particular note is a record high (24) in Humphreys Co, 23 Dec, max (RS) exceeding last fall's record of 20. This appears to represent the highest inland North American record for the species. West TN: Fayette Co (1) Ghost River, Moscow, 16 Dec (ph, DMs); Henderson Co (1) Dogwood Lake, 11 Dec (ph, BB); Lake Co (2) Black Bayou Refuge–Wheelchair Hunting Area, 16 Dec (ph, AF, DR, CAS); Shelby Co (1) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP, 14 Jan (ph, WN); Benton Co (3) Duck River Bottoms Overlook, 14 Jan (RS), and (1) Beaver Dam Creek, 28 Jan (ph, SBr). Middle TN: Humphreys Co, reports of 1–24 (noted above) continuing birds into spring; Davidson Co (1) continuing at Centennial Park, Nashville, last seen 3 Dec (MS); Perry Co (4) Lick Creek Embayment, 21 Dec (VS); Maury Co (1) continuing at Big Oak Lake, Spring Hill, last reported 23 Jan (ph, HD); Warren Co (1) continuing along Barren Fork River, last reported 22 Dec (MkE). East TN: Meigs Co (1) Hiwassee Refuge, 7 Dec (ph, BDa) was likely the same bird reported 23 Dec–14 Jan at nearby Bear Branch Access Area; Blount Co (1) long staying bird on the Maryville Alcoa Greenway continued into spring (m.ob.); Carter Co (1) River's RV Park, 18 Dec (ph, BPo, JPo) had reportedly been seen by residents for a month prior. It continued until last reported 3 Jan (ph, RRK, m.ob.).

American Avocet: Humphreys Co (2) DRU, 14 Dec (CF fide GG) very rare winter record.

Spotted Sandpiper: Davidson Co (1) Radnor Lake, 1/3 Dec (MB, AC); Rutherford Co (1) Stewart's Creek Boat Ramp, 3 Dec (JWa) were late dates; Knox Co (1) Craig Cove Island, 22 Dec (CW), and Humphreys Co (1) Pebble Isle Marina, 22–23 Dec (AT, RS) may have overwintered in those respective areas.

Lesser Yellowlegs: Lake Co (21/14) Choctaw Fields North, 31 Jan/4 Feb (ph, MAG, WGC fide MAG) were likely very early spring migrants. Humphreys Co (2) DRU, 18 Feb (AJT) were also early.

Greater Yellowlegs: Reported from 11 counties. Lake Co (25) Tiptonville Ferry Rd, 16 Dec (ph, MAG, CVN, RH) perhaps late fall migrants.

Pectoral Sandpiper: Blount Co (3) early arrivals at Lackey Creek, with one bird 27 Feb (TH) joined by two more, 29 Feb (TH); Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 28 Feb (DF).

ANCIENT MURRELET: Hamilton Co (1) first state record found by Tim L. Russell, Chickamauga Dam Day Use Area, 24 Nov, last reported 3 Dec (ph, TLR, m.ob.).

Black-Legged Kittiwake: There were three reports, including one rare adult bird: Hamilton Co (1) first cycle bird at Chickamauga Dam Day Use Area, 5 Dec (ph, AT, m.ob.), and (1) adult, Chickamauga Dam, 13–14 Feb (ph, TL, AF); Knox Co (1) first cycle at Concord Park (ph, GG, m.ob).

Bonaparte's Gull: Sevier Co (4,600) Douglas Dam, 7 Jan, exceptional count, max (KW),

Laughing Gull: Blount Co (1) Ft. Loudoun Lake, Louisville Point Park, 29 Feb (TH).

Franklin's Gull: Rare in winter, there were five reports: Anderson Co (1) continuing bird from fall at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery,1 Dec (ph, RHu) was likely the same bird seen flying south down the river from Oak Ridge Marina the next day, 2 Dec (MCr); Benton Co (1) another lingering bird at Benton Co Landfill, 2 Dec (ph, RS, DR); Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 2 Jan (RSk); Henry Co (2) Kentucky Lake–Eagle Creek Embayment, 7 Jan (RSk).

Great Black-backed Gull: Humphreys Co (1) subadult, Kentucky Lake, New Johnsonville, 6 Feb (ph, RS).

Glaucous Gull: Benton Co (3) Benton Co Landfill, 18 Jan (ph, VS, RS) new high count for the state. One bird was last reported 9 Feb (AT, RS). Single birds also reported in the county at Nathan Bedford Forrest SP, 6 Feb (RS) and Camden WMA, 9 Feb (AT) likely the same individuals from the landfill. Rutherford Co (1–2) Rutherford Co Landfill, 17–24 Jan (ph, JWa, m.ob.); Davidson Co (1) J. Percy Priest Lake, Cook Recreation Area, 19 Jan (ph, GG) and from the dam overlook, 25 Jan (ph, EB), both likely the same birds from the Rutherford landfill.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: reported from 14 counties. Benton Co (39) Benton Co Landfill, 8 Dec, max (RS).

Iceland Gull: Benton Co (3) minimum reported with one *thayeri* type at the Benton Co Landfill, 12 Jan (RS, VS), one *thayeri* and one *kumlieni* type reported 18 Jan (RS, VS), and one or the other found individually, 19–20 Jan / 9 Feb (m.ob.); Rutherford Co (1) at the county landfill,19–22 Jan (ph, GG, m.ob.).

Red-throated Loon: Davidson Co (10) J. Percy Priest Lake, 26 Jan, max (AF) appears to tie

the state high count and was the highest of reports otherwise ranging from 1–8 birds here throughout the season. There were also (1/2) SBP, 7–8 Feb (RD, FF). Additional records from seven counties: Lake Co (1) continuing from fall season, Reelfoot Lake, 1 Dec (RS, WB); Hamilton Co (1) Wolftever Creek/Harrison Bay, 3–8 Dec (ph, TL, m.ob.); Hardin Co (1) Pickwick Dam, 27 Dec (AT, WM) and (4) later in the season, 18 Feb (AT); Franklin Co (2) Woods Reservoir, 28 Jan (RCa, AP); Sumner Co (1/2) Old Hickory Lake, 27 Jan / 8 Feb (ph, TLo); Blount Co (1) Ft. Loudon Lake, 17–18 Jan (TH, ph, RW); Grainger Co (1) Cherokee Lake, 25 Feb (ph, DH).

Pacific Loon: Hamilton Co (4) Chester Frost Park, 22 Jan, max (BD); otherwise single birds reported from Booker T. Washington SP and Chickamauga Dam, 10 Dec–31 Jan (m.ob.); Humphreys Co (1) Johnsonville SP, 2 Dec (ph, RS, DR); Henry Co (1) Kentucky Lake, 17 Dec (AT, VS); Davidson Co (1) Cook Rec Area, J. Percy Priest Lake, 20 Dec (GG).

Common Loon: Davidson Co (300) boat survey of J. Percy Priest Lake,13 Feb, max (ph, GG, JA).

Anhinga: Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 23 Dec (ph, RS).

Double-crested Cormorant: Humphreys Co (2,943) DRU, 23 Dec, max (MAG) an impressively precise seasonal high count.

Neotropic Cormorant: Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 23 Dec (ph, RS), also reported from the overlook in Benton Co, 14/23 Jan (AT, RS); Hamilton Co (1) Chickamauga Dam, 4 Feb (ph, TL) first county record; Shelby Co (4) Robco Lake,18 Feb, max (ph, PJP, ph, AH, m.ob.).

American White Pelican: reported in 31 counties from all regions except the Cumberland Plateau. Carter Co (12) Watauga Lake, Cherokee National Forest,16 Dec (ph, AO) rare sighting in the high eastern mountains and an apparent first county record. Hamilton Co (720) Chickamauga Lake, 29 Dec, max (JF).

American Bittern: Hamilton Co (1) Standifer Gap Marsh, 25–31 Jan (ph, WJ, KP).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: wintering birds reported from 12 counties. Meigs Co (21) Watts Bar Landing,19 Feb, max (RSh, DSh).

Golden Eagle: Meigs Co (1) juvenile, Hiwassee,18 Dec (ph, CW); Hickman Co (1) adult, 17 Jan (AT); Dyer Co (1) adult, Bogota WMA (ph, VS, RS, AT); Humphreys Co (1) adult, DRU, 17 Feb (CRu, AT, RS); Decatur Co (1) adult, TN NWR-Busseltown Unit, 19 Feb (ph, AT); Stewart Co (2) Cross Creeks NWR, 26 Jan (SR, CR).

Rough-legged Hawk: Dyer Co (2) Jolly Landing, 11 Dec (ph, MAG, WB), individual birds reported throughout the season until 13 Feb (ph, MAG, m.ob.); Lake Co (2) Black Bayou Refuge, Phillipy Unit, 16 Dec (ph, DR, AF, CAS).

BURROWING OWL: Humphreys Co (1) continuing winter resident at the restricted New Johnsonville TVA plant (TRo, LBH fide GG).

Short-eared Owl: reported from ten counties: Shelby Co (16) Shelby Farms Park,19 Jan, max (RS, VS, AT, CRu), reported all season, second high state count; Davidson Co (1) Bells Bend Park, 1 Jan–23 Feb (ph, GG, m.ob.) notable for Nashville, first in the county in three years.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Perry Co (7) 11 Jan, max (au, RS) highest of several reports in the county and appears to set a new state high count; Humphreys Co (1) Hurricane Mills, 22–23 Dec (AT); Gibson Co (1) Gibson County Lake, 2 Dec (au, MAG); Obion Co (1) Union City, 16 Dec (AJT, CA, m.ob.); Blount Co (1) Cades Cove, GSMNP, 4 Feb (NF).

Merlin: Davidson Co (4) Anderson Road Recreation Area, 13 Jan, max (ph, SC) notable high count.

WESTERN FLYCATCHER: Lake Co (1) Reelfoot Lake–Keystone Trail, 16–19 Dec (ph, AT, m.ob.) second state record.

Ash-throated Flycatcher: Maury Co (1) Yanahli WMA, 19 Dec (ph, EBo, RS) thirteenth state record.

White-eyed Vireo: Marion Co (1) New Hope, 7 Dec (ph, SRe); Humphreys Co (1) ETC Management in Squeeze Bottom, 23 Dec (RS); Hamilton Co (1) Baylor School, 28 Dec (LT).

Blue-headed Vireo: More than 20 reports from eight counties, all single birds except Madison Co (2) South Fork Refuge, max (ph, AT).

Common Raven: Hamilton Co (1) Mowbray Pike Trail, 13 Dec (SS) an exceptional record in the southern Valley and Ridge, and a first eBird record for Hamilton Co.

Tree Swallow: Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 27 Jan, ers (ph, DR, RS); Blount Co (2) Fort Loudoun Lake, 30 Jan (TH); Hamilton Co (1) Amnicola Marsh, 30 Jan (BD); Hawkins Co (1) John Sevier Lake, 30 Jan (SH) earliest noted arrivals.

Purple Martin: Shelby Co (2) males, 13 Feb, ers (CRu) first arrivals.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: Davidson Co (1) Radnor Lake, 2 Dec–16 Jan (ph, MB, m.ob.) and (1) Walter S. Davis Blvd Marsh, 18 Dec–9 Jan (FF, PE) rare wintering records; Hamilton Co (1) Amnicola Marsh, 19 Feb (KD, m.ob.) earliest returning migrants.

Barn Swallow: Sumner Co (1) Old Hickory Lake–Lock 3, 26 Feb, ers (au, TLo); Davidson Co (2) Shelby Park–Sevier Lake, 28 Feb (AD).

Cliff Swallow: Hamilton Co (2) Brainerd Levee, 28 Feb, ers (BD); and (2) Renaissance Park, 29 Feb (LS).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Hamilton Co (1) Amnicola Marsh, 5 Dec–8 Jan (BD, ph, KD, m.ob.); Meigs Co (1) Hiwassee Refuge, 3 Jan (GM); Knox Co (1) Maloney Rd Park, 28 Dec (PRk); Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 9 Dec (ph, AT, RS); Shelby Co (1) Overton Park, 11 Dec (ph, MMc).

Sedge Wren: Hamilton Co (1) Baylor School, 23 Dec (ph, WJo) and (2) 26 Dec (LT, WJo); (1) Standifer Gap Marsh, 30 Jan (AY); Henry Co (1) Haggler Ridge Rd, 17 Dec (RS, LP); Humphreys Co (2) DRU, 23 Dec (VS); Madison Co (1) Middle Fork Bottoms SP, 9/22 Dec (ph, AJT); Hardin Co (1) Walker Branch SNA, 27 Dec (AJT); Lake Co (1) Tumbleweed WMA, 16 Dec (CRu, RS, LP); Shelby Co (1) Shelby Farms Park, 22 Dec–3 Feb (SD, CVN, m.ob.).

Marsh Wren: Shelby Co (12) Ensley, 17 Dec, max (ph, CRu, m.ob.); Humphreys Co (5) DRU, and (5) Painted Rock Road, 23 Dec (AT); Hardin Co (4) Walker Branch SNA, 27 Dec (AJT); Hamilton Co (5) Baylor School, 16 Dec (ph, LT, AY). Single birds also reported from Johnson, Blount, Carroll, Lake, and Fayette Cos.

Wood Thrush: Davidson Co (1) Radnor Lake SP, 1–15 Dec (ph, MB, m.ob.); Shelby Co (1) T.O. Fuller SP, 17 Dec (au. CRu, JV, m.ob.) rare winter records.

Evening Grosbeak: Sevier Co (1) adult male at a private feeder, 22 Dec (ph, HMc).

Red Crossbill: Benton Co (12) Coxburg Rd, 23 Dec-14 Jan (DR, au, ph, VS, RS) extraordinary find for mid-state.

Pine Siskin: Generally scarce in most of the state, with only scattered reports west of the mountains. Blount Co (700) private home, 4 Feb, max (ph, KBa, TE).

Lapland Longspur: Lake Co (570) Jolly Landing, 21 Jan, max (AT, VS, RS).

American Tree Sparrow: Knox Co (1) Forks of the River WMA, 19 Dec (KL), and Cumberland Co (1) 21 Jan (JY) uncommon for eastern half of the state. Benton Co (1) Camden, 11 Dec (SF), and near Halladay 23 Dec / 14 Jan (DR, AT); Henry Co (1) at a home near Paris, 22 Dec/22 Jan (RWh); Madison Co (1) Jackson, 18 Jan (MJT); Dyer Co (1) Bogota WMA, 21 Jan (AT, VS, RS).

Harris's Sparrow: Davidson Co (1) juvenile, Bells Bend Park, 21 Dec–9 Feb (ph, GG, FF, m.ob.); Perry Co (1) juvenile, Lick Creek Farm, 24 Dec–21 Feb (ph, AT, m.ob.).

Spotted Towhee: Hamilton Co (1) Baylor School, 23 Dec–30 Jan (ph, WJo, m.ob.) first record for southern area of Ridge and Valley region.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: Blount Co (1) Alcoa, 17 Jan (ph, SGr, m.ob.); Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 18 Jan (ph, RS, VS, AT).

Western Meadowlark: Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 27 Jan (ph, DR, RS) continued into February with (2) reported 9/17/23 Feb (AT, AF, RS, CRu); Gibson Co (1) Buck Wade Loop, 1/3 Jan (au, GS, MAG) and (1) Trenton, 15 Feb (MAG); Lake Co (1–3) Vaughn Rd Fields, 16–24 Dec (ph, MAG, RH, m.ob.), and (2) Tumbleweed WMA , 10 Feb (ph, DR); Obion Co (4) Reelfoot NWR, Visitor Center, 23 Feb max (au, AO, JS).

Baltimore Oriole: Hamilton Co (1) Chattanooga, 22 Dec (WJo); Moore Co (1) Lynchburg, visiting a feeder, 15 Jan (SDo) had reportedly been seen for a couple of weeks prior; David-

son Co (1) photographed at a feeder 1 Feb (ph, EHa) had also reportedly been present for "several weeks."

Brewer's Blackbird: Davidson Co (1) Tyne Blvd, 10 Feb (MB) uncommon sighting in Nashville; Perry Co (1) Stoll farm, 24 Jan (RS); Humphreys Co (9) DRU, 27 Jan (ph, DR, RS), and (1) Cherry Bottoms, 23 Dec (RS); Decatur Co (11) Halladay, 26 Jan (ph, CA); Lake Co (11) Tumbleweed WMA, 1 Dec (RS) max of multiple reports in the county; Shelby Co (11) Shelby Farms Park, 28 Jan (ph, SD, CRu).

Common Grackle: Wilson Co (10,400) Vine, 29 Jan max of this common, yet rapidly declining species (JN, RN). National attention has recently turned to the decline of the Common Grackle. Birders in the field are encouraged to submit careful counts of flocks to help document their population.

Ovenbird: Hamilton Co (1) Booker T. Washington SP, 16 Jan (ph, TRu) rare winter report.

Northern Waterthrush: Marion Co (1) Nickajack Lake–Shellmound Boat Ramp, 13/18 Jan (ph, TL); Rutherford Co (1) Murfree Spring Wetlands, 1-20 Dec (ph, CS).

Black-and-White Warbler: Davidson Co (1) Warner Parks Gin Barn Field, 16 Dec (APa, m.ob.); Hamilton Co (1) Amnicola Marsh, 5 Dec/13 Jan (KZ, LE).

Common Yellowthroat: Rhea Co (1) Yuchi WMA, 27 Dec (PN); Rutherford Co (1) Murfree Spring Wetlands, 20 Dec–14 Jan (ph, JW, m.ob.); Lincoln Co (1) Coral Ridge, 11 Feb (JB); Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 23 Dec (VS); Madison Co (2) South Fork Refuge, max 1 Jan (AT); Obion Co (1) Reelfoot NWR–Grassy Island Unit, 16 Dec (ph, PH, m.ob); Lake Co (1) Tiptonville, 16 Dec (MAG).

Cape May Warbler: Hamilton Co (1) Moccasin Bend, 29 Jan (BBu).

Palm Warbler: Polk Co (24) East Tennessee Nursery, 19 Dec, max (AY) notable high count. S

Prairie Warbler: Lincoln Co (1) Coral Ridge, 11 Dec (ph, JB); Knox Co (1) Seven Islands Bird Park, 24–28 Dec (ph, GG, m.ob.).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Fentress Co (1) Vine, adult male at feeder, 5 Dec (ph, RY); Benton Co (1) Beaver Dam Creek, apparent hatch-year male at feeder, 22 Jan–14 Feb (ph, SBr).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: Davidson Co (1) Brentwood, female or hatch-year male at feeder, 22 Dec-15 Jan (ph, MJ, m.ob.), third county record and the first in 40 years. There are fewer than 30 state records.

Indigo Bunting: Humphreys Co (1) DRU, 23 Dec (VS); Davidson Co (1) Old Hickory Dam, 1 Jan (MS, GG, TLo) and (1) wintering bird at the home of this author was observed coming to a feeder 12–20 Jan (ph, GG).

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